

Question on Notice

No. 1251

Asked on 12 December 2024

MS L LINARD ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise if the Nurse-led Clinics at Mount Gravatt and Brisbane City will remain (a) fully funded, (b) operating under the same scope of practice and (c) maintain the opening hours of 8am until 10pm, 7 days a week for the full term of government?

ANSWER

The previous government approved \$46.10 million (2024-25 to 2027-28) over four years to establish four nurse-led walk-in clinics. This funding will be fully maintained.

This service model applied standard hours of service across all sites and was not tailored to community needs. There was also insufficient funding to pay for it.

Since opening the Brisbane City clinic in October 2024 and the Mt Gravatt clinic in November 2024 we have heard from our Hospital and Health Service staff a need to consider the hours of operation to ensure a better alignment with community requirements.

A consultation process will now occur at the nurse-led clinics at Mount Gravatt and Brisbane City to align hours of operation with the needs of the community.

This change process will be led by the host Hospital and Health Services, through a Business Case for Change process with consultation of staff impacted.

No staff employed to any of the Nurse-led Walk- in Clinics will lose their jobs and all staff will remain employed in their local Hospital and Health Service. There is no change to the scope of practice.

The Crisafulli Government supports the nurse-led service model and was required to provide additional funding to fund fit-out and leasing costs to ensure the clinics' infrastructure is fit-for-purpose.

We will undertake an evaluation of the service model in approximately six months to understand impact of the model on improving access to health care in these communities.